

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1644**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas**

February 21, 2003

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An act to amend Section 15330 of the Government Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1644, as introduced, Ridley-Thomas. Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency: responsibilities.

Existing law generally sets forth the responsibilities of the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency in promoting economic development in the state.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 15330 of the Government Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 15330. The *Technology*, Trade, and Commerce Agency shall  
4 be the principal state agency responsible for *all of the following*:  
5 (a) Coordinating federal-state-local relationships in economic  
6 development, the continual evaluation of the impact of policies  
7 and programs affecting economic development, and encouraging  
8 the full utilization of programs available for assisting the residents

1 of the state and local public entities in satisfying the economic  
2 development needs of the state.

3 (b) Applying for and allocating federal funds available under  
4 the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as  
5 amended, and such other federal funds as may be available which  
6 will promote and assist economic development in the state.

7 (c) Assisting state agencies, offices, and departments to  
8 implement the state economic policy pursuant to Part 12  
9 (commencing with Section 15900) of Division 3 of Title 2 and  
10 serving as an advisory agency to the Governor in the preparation  
11 of the Economic Report of the Governor as required by Section  
12 15901.

13 (d) Responding to inquiries and providing statistics and other  
14 information on the economy, visitor attractions, international  
15 trade, products and processes, and services provided by the  
16 department.

17 (e) The agency in carrying out its responsibilities shall make  
18 maximum use of base data and studies currently being prepared  
19 and distributed by other state agencies. It shall avoid duplication  
20 of these efforts where possible.

21 (f) Assisting employees of a business or place of work in the  
22 formation of an employee-owned corporation, as defined by  
23 Section 91502.1, at that business or place of work, at the request  
24 of the employees and when that business or place of work is  
25 closing or is in danger of closing, by providing technical  
26 assistance, information, or access to sources of financing. The  
27 responsibilities created by this subdivision shall be permissive in  
28 the absence of nonstate funds unless state funds are specifically  
29 authorized by the Legislature for the purposes of this subdivision.

30 (g) Marketing California as a cost-effective and advantageous  
31 place for businesses to locate or expand. This subdivision shall not  
32 be construed to require any local government to participate, except  
33 in a voluntary manner, in this program.

34 (h) In order to defray costs to the General Fund of providing  
35 publications, as defined in Section 14902, when warranted in the  
36 opinion of the secretary, the agency may charge fees to cover  
37 estimated printing and mailing costs for publications, except for  
38 publications distributed pursuant to Sections 14900, 14901,  
39 14903, 14904, 14905.1, and 14907.

1 (i) The agency may enter into agreements pursuant to Chapter  
2 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1.  
3 The agency may adopt and enforce rules and regulations in  
4 order to implement the ~~above~~ responsibilities *set forth in this*  
5 *section*.

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